

Not a single throe has attended this important transformation. A half-dozen aristocratical gentlemen, agonizing under the loss of pre-eminence, have sometimes, ventured their sarcasms on our political metamorphosis. They have been thought fitter objects of pity, than of punishment. (To Ben. Franklin, 1777. F. II., 132.)

MONARCHY.—I look up with you to the Federal convention for an amendment of our Federal affairs. Yet I do not view them in so disadvantageous a light at present as some do. And above all things I am astonished at some people's considering a kingly government as a refuge. * * * If all the evils which can arise among us from the Republican form of our government from this day to the day of judgment could be put into' a scale against what this country suffers from its monarchical form in a week, or England in a month, the latter would preponderate. Consider the contents of the red book in England or the Almanac Royale of France, and say what a people gain by monarchy. No race of kings has ever presented above one man of common sense in twenty generations. (To Benjamin Hawkings, written from Paris, 1787. F. IV., 426.)

MONARCHY.—The perpetual re-eligibility of the President I fear will make an office for life and then hereditary. I was much an enemy to monarchy before I came to Europe. I am ten thousand times more so* since I have seen what they are. There is scarcely an evil known in these countries which may not be traced to their King as its source, nor a good which is not derived from the small fibers of Republicanism existing" among them. I can further say with safety there is not a crowned head in Europe whose talents or merit would entitle him to be elected a vestryman by the people of any parish in America. (To George Washington, written in Paris, 1788. F. V., 8.)

MONARCHY.—I know there are some among us who would now establish a monarchy. But they are inconsiderable in number and weight of character. The rising race are all Republicans. We were educated in royalism; no wonder if some of us retain that idolatry still. Our young people are educated in Republi-